



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### RAISING HOUSES, HOPE ON RESERVATION

By LAURA TODE, Billings Gazette 06/20/08

BUSBY - On a bluff overlooking Busby Creek, Winfield Russell is building his house alongside strangers who have come from across the U.S. to help him.

### TRIBES ARE BACK AT THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE REFUGE COMPLEX

By B.L. Azure, CharKoosta News 06/19/08



No time to buffalo on the National Bison Range issue: After several months, the Tribes and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have worked out differences to create a new annual funding agreement. (File photo)

PABLO — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, with assistance from the Montana congressional delegation and Department of Interior officials are once again in the management mix at the National Bison Range. The Tribes and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have co-opted an annual funding agreement that, according to CSKT Council Chairman James Steele, Jr., required

give and take from both sides before it was acceptable to all.

### RESERVATION SCHOOL DESTROYED IN BLAZE

AP, Billings Gazette 06/17/08

HAYS - St. Paul's Mission School on the Fort Belknap Reservation was destroyed in a weekend fire.

### \$4 GAS LIMITS LIFESTYLES ON RURAL RESERVATIONS

By Amanda Teller, RezNet News 06/20/08

VERMILLION, S.D.—Rural Native American communities are tackling declining tourism and unstable business that come with the increased cost of fuel. Travel and excess spending are no longer luxuries many can afford. People on the Blackfeet reservation in Montana are asking, "Am I going to eat or put gas in my car?" said Kathy Halloran, the district manager of the Town Pump in Browning there. "It breaks my heart."

### SBA HONORS S&K TECHNOLOGIES MANAGERS

CharKoosta News 06/19/08

ST. IGNATIUS — Four managers for S&K Technologies - Dermot O'Halloran, Greg DuMontier, James Paro and Rita Matthews - have received the Small Business

Administration's Region VIII and Montana Entrepreneurial Success Award for 2008.

### **JUNE 20-21 SET FOR 2008 NATIONAL SACRED PLACES PRAYER DAYS**

By Suzan Harjo of the Morningstar Institute  
RezNet News 06/20/08

Observances and ceremonies will be held across the country on June 20 and 21 to mark the 2008 National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. Times and places for public commemorations are listed in the following pages. Some of the gatherings highlighted in this release are educational forums, not religious ceremonies, and are open to the general public. Others are ceremonial and may be conducted in private. In addition to those listed below, there will be commemorations and prayers offered at sacred places that are under threat at this time.

### **TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL TO CO-HOST ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

By Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council



The Montana -Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council is counting the days until the National Tribal Conference on

Environmental Management, which will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana Convention Center June 24-26. So far this event, co-sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has already attracted more than 550 participants from across the country.

### **NATIVE GROUPS NOT WAITING FOR APOLOGY**

By Kevin Abourezk RezNet News 06/20/08

In the Lakota way, the burning of sage is meant to clear away evil spirits.

### **FINAL RULING IN COBELL CASE EXPECTED BY MID-JULY**

INDIANZ.COM 06/20/08

The federal judge handling the [Indian trust fund lawsuit](#) said on Thursday that he expects to issue a final ruling by mid-July.

### **MSU STUDENT DOES THESIS STUDY ON POPLAR**

By Louis Montclair, Fort Peck Journal 06/12/08

When Scott Warren told his friends and colleagues that he wanted to do his thesis on Poplar, everyone asked him why he picked a place with such a harsh reputation.

### **BLACKFEET TRIBE BEGINS A BUFFALO PROJECT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By Woody Kipp, Glacier Reporter 06/18/08

"We're going to develop an economic arm of the tribe while rebuilding the culture at the same time," said Smiley Kittson of the Blackfeet Tribe's effort to bring economic development through use of the tribe's buffalo herd, which now numbers about 75 head.

### **PROGRAM READIES NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS**

By Jo Dee Black, Great Falls Tribune 06/18/08

He hasn't pinned down what type, but after this week Matt, who will enter eighth grade at East Middle School next fall, will be better equipped to pursue future entrepreneurial efforts.

### **GROUP SAYS POPLAR CAN BECOME VIBRANT COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN**

By Richard Peterson, Fort Peck Journal 06/12/08

Can the town of Poplar be revitalized and rebuilt into a vibrant community? Community planners

*Friday, June 20, 2008*

from across the state and local officials believe its possible after discussing the issue during a one-day meeting at Fort Peck Community College Tuesday.

### **SENATE PANEL TACKLES CRIME ISSUES IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

Indianz.com 06/20/08

The [Senate Indian Affairs Committee](#) held a hearing on Thursday on a draft bill that seeks to address law and order issues in Indian Country.

### **DESIGNS UNVEILED FOR NEW NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COINS**

By Rob Capriccioso, Indian Country Today 06/20/08



Images courtesy U.S. Mint

WASHINGTON - A U.S. Mint advisory committee has recommended a new \$1 American Indian coin design that officials hope will soon complement the flip side of the famous Sacagawea coin.

### **OPINION: 'BIGGEST LOSER' SEARCHING FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CONTESTANTS - THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008**

By JODI RAVE, The Missoulian 06/12/08

Got personality? Do you have desire? But more importantly, are you hefty? A national TV show is searching for charismatic go-getters - and its producers are looking for representation from Native America.

### **JOB VACANCIES:**

**GENERAL PROGRAMMER**, POSITION #61136459, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,157 to \$50,196 DOQ. This position analyzes and evaluates existing or proposed systems, and revises computer programs, systems and related procedures using .NET and Java. Application deadline: Monday July 7, 2008 at 5:00 pm. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=342](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=342)

**ENERGY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST)**, POSITION# 65135599, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Business Resources Energy Infrastructure Promotion and Development, Fulltime Temporary; Salary: \$17.30 to \$21.75 If you have any questions please call HR at 841-2718 [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=1634&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=1292](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=1634&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=1292)

**INVESTMENT ANALYST-ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS (OPEN UNTIL FILLED)** POSITION # 65166531, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Board of Investments, Business and Financial Operations; Fulltime Permanent; Questions: (406) 841-2718 [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=1634&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=1293](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=1634&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=1293)

**DISTRICT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER** #46004 - Department of Transportation, Helena. Salary \$58,748 Annually. This position conducts professional geotechnical engineering analysis and design. Evaluates project plans; establishes guidelines, procedures, and parameters for various projects and activities; plans and oversees a variety of investigation, sampling, and engineering projects; provides advanced technical assistance to a variety of individuals and agencies involved with ongoing road construction projects; and performs a variety of other duties in support of the Department goals and Division objectives. For a complete listing and to apply please see us at [www.mdt.mt.gov](http://www.mdt.mt.gov).

**FILE CLERK**, POSITION #61403804, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$16,747 to \$20,934 DOQ. Provides a range of data management, customer support, and administrative services to support ongoing MPERA operations. Application deadline: Monday June 30, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=341](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=341)

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The U.S. Census Bureau, Denver Regional Census Center (RCC), has begun the process of filling management positions for the Billings Local Census Office set to open in October and for one Regional Technician for the state of Montana. For the full vacancy announcements, visit the Bureau's Denver Regional Office Regional Employment web page at <http://www.census.gov/roden/www/employ.html>.

**MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN BILLINGS (FIVE POSITIONS)** - Local Census Office Manager, Assistant Manager for Administration, Assistant Manager for Field Operations, Assistant Manager for Quality Assurance, Assistant Manager for Recruiting. These positions are open until filled.

**REGIONAL TECHNICIAN (ONE POSITION)** - Working under specific direction from the Regional Census Center (Denver), the incumbent of this position provides technical and administrative support for all recruitment, personnel, payroll, field data collection, group quarters, office and evaluation operations, automation activities, postal liaison activities, map/geography problems and publicity for the managers of the Local Census Office to which incumbent is assigned in order to assure timely, orderly, and efficient conduct the 2010 Census. The closing date is July 16th, 2008.

If you have questions about these positions, please contact the Denver Regional Office Recruiter by phone at 888-722-8995 or by email at [denver\\_regional\\_office@census.gov](mailto:denver_regional_office@census.gov).

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

### JACK GLADSTONE PERFORMANCE HELENA 6/23

Jack Gladstone, Blackfeet singer-songwriter and storyteller, will perform 8 p.m., Monday June 23, as part of the "Mondays at the Myrna" series at the Myrna Loy Center. The event is a benefit for the Montana United Indian Foundation.

### [VISIT ACTIONCOACH ROD TRAHAN ONLINE](#)

Ask a question during the show!  
Call 406.652.5254 or [email your question](#) to Rod for discussion during the show.

Listen [LIVE](#) and call-in at (406) 652-5254 every Friday at 8:30am on NewsTalk 910AM or here at [KBLG.com](http://KBLG.com) for business tips from business coach, Rod Trahan!

### ["NURTURING MOTHER EARTH: OUR PEOPLE'S DESTINY." 6/23-27/2008, BILLINGS, MONTANA](#)

8:00 AM  
Holiday Inn, Billings, Montana  
The Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council has been successful in national competition for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) totaling \$328,043.00, which will partially fund the 8th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Working in collaboration with the Tribes in this region, the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council will host the conference on June 23 through June 27, 2008, in Billings, Montana at the Holiday Inn. The conference will provide the opportunity for dialog, sharing, and learning about both health and Tribal environmental management issues, challenges, and concerns. The theme of this year's event is "Nurturing

Mother Earth: Our People's Destiny." We are expanding the scope of the agenda to include an emphasis on inclusion for all sectors of the community.

### [STATE, FORT PECK TRIBES PLAN GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP](#)

The Montana Board of Crime Control and the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes will hold a grant writing workshop at Fort Peck Community College June 24-25.

## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### [US Department of Housing and Urban Development COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES MODIFICATION 3](#)

### [US Department of Housing and Urban Development TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM MODIFICATION 1](#)

### [MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR WATER QUALITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH](#)

Helena - The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking applicants for "mini" grants of \$1,500 to fund local education and outreach efforts that address water quality issues.

The DEQ has \$10,000 of federal Clean Water Act Section 319 funding available for local groups working on water quality and nonpoint source pollution projects. Focusing on education and outreach, the grants provide a mechanism to increase awareness of local nonpoint source pollution issues and to improve water quality through educational activities.

Successful projects will focus on an activity addressing water resource needs. Examples of projects include workshops, conferences, training, videos, or brochures. Projects must address larger watershed efforts in the applicant's region. The project applicant can be a local watershed group (if a legal entity), conservation district, county extension service, school, etc. and must have the ability to manage federal funding. The DEQ encourages not only entities that have previously used this program, but also newcomers.

Successful applicants must demonstrate effective use of grant money through projects that highlight water quality and nonpoint source pollution topics in their area. Applicants must also provide a minimum 40% local non-federal in-kind or cash match. Each application will be reviewed and approved for funding by a panel from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's Education & Outreach subcommittee that includes individuals from a range of organizations.

This round began on June 1, 2008 and applications must be received by July 1, 2008. Another round will begin on January 1, 2009 with application due by February 2, 2009. Approximately \$10,000 will be available for each round.

For more information on the mini-grants, application forms or for assistance in preparing the grant application, please contact: Rob Rung, Contracts/Grants Officer, DEQ Water Quality Planning Bureau, at (406) 444-6756 or by e-mail at [rrung@mt.gov](mailto:rrung@mt.gov) or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.mt.us](http://www.deq.mt.us).

# 3rd Annual 2008 **THUNDERBIRD HALF MARATHON**

**Thursday, August 21, 2008**

*Beginning and ending at  
United Tribes Technical College  
Past prairie and cropland and through woodlands  
along the Missouri River*

**Open to all participants age 14 and up**  
who are able to complete the 13.1 mile course  
in 3.5 hours (a 16 minute mile pace)

**Two competitive classes:**

**Open Division** – ages 14 to 39

**Masters Division** – 40 and over

Early registration fee \$20

After August 20 - \$25

**Also offered:**

**10K Run** –

Open to participants age 14 and over

and a **5K Fun Run/Walk**

(non-competitive) – Open to all ages

10K Early Registration: \$15

5K Fun Walk/Run: \$10

After August 20 the fee for either  
category is \$5 higher

**Fun Walk** –

Open to ages 4-13

**“PATHWAYS  
TO WELLNESS”**

## **SCHEDULE:**

**7 a.m. Race Day REGISTRATION**

**8 a.m. Half-Marathon START**

**9 a.m. 10K Run START**

**9:10 a.m. 5K Run-Walk START**

Registration form available  
at the college website:

**www.utt.edu**

**For More Information:**

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and the Montana Board of Crime Control present...*



# NO COST Data-Driven Tribal Grant Writing Training

**DATE:** June 24 - 25, 2008  
**TIME:** 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Fort Peck Community College  
605 Indian Ave., Poplar, MT 59255

*To register online, please visit [www.mbcc.mt.gov](http://www.mbcc.mt.gov). Some lodging scholarships are available. For more information, contact Casey Richards at (406) 444-3689 or [CRichards@mt.gov](mailto:CRichards@mt.gov).*

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